



Highlights ...

- WARNING regarding Height Right Chairs. See article on this page.
- New Federal Poverty Guidelines have been posted and impact Family Share. See article on this page.
- April is National Autism Awareness Month.



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WARNING REGARDING HEIGHT RIGHT CHAIRS

First Steps Central Office has been made aware of three instances in which Height Right Chair seats have collapsed while children were sitting in them. Central Office, in collaboration with enTECH, is investigating these troubling occurrences. Until we can be certain that these chairs pose no threat of harm to children in First Steps, Central Office is prohibiting further purch-

ases of the Height Right Chair.

If you are working with a family who has a Height Right Chair, please notify them of this warning immediately and as an IFSP Team discuss possible alternatives. EnTech can assist with this discussion. EnTech can be reached at 502/585-9911 x2011 or 800/896-8941 x2011.

NEW FEDERAL POVERTY GUIDELINES POSTED

The First Steps Family Share table has been updated to include the 2009 Federal Poverty Guidelines. The new Family Share table has been posted to the First Steps website (fs.chfs.ky.gov). Service

coordinators should begin using the new table immediately with all new referrals and with all current First Steps participants at the time of their next 6 month of Annual IFSP Review, whichever is earlier.

CLEAN UP CONTACT INFORMATION IN TOTS

Service Coordinators: In preparation for the dissemination of our Annual Parent Survey, please take a few moments to review the contact information for children and parents in TOTS. Central Office will use the address information for Parent One located on the Parent/Guardian Information page in TOTS for all mailing. It is important that this informa-

tion be accurate. Some issues we identified when we last printed mailing labels include: missing First and/or Last Name, missing or incomplete street name or number, missing or misspelled city, missing state and/or missing or inaccurate zip code. Thanks for checking and helping us collect and maintain the most accurate information possible.

APRIL IS NATIONAL AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

Source: American Academy of Pediatrics and Autism Society of America—April 3, 2009. April is National Autism Awareness Month, an opportunity to educate the public about autism and issues within the autism community.

For featured resources from the American Academy of Pediatrics, go to <http://www.aap.org/healthtopic>

To view “Eight ways you can celebrate National Autism Awareness Month” from the Autism Society of America, go to <http://www.autism-society.org/site/PageServer?pagen>



APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE AWARENESS PREVENTION MONTH

Source: US Dept of Health and Human Services, Child Welfare Information Gateway—April 1, 2009

“Strengthening Families and Communities” is this year’s theme for National Child Abuse Prevention Month. The theme encourages service providers and concerned individ-

uals to recognize and build on existing strengths within families and communities in order to support all families in providing a safe, loving environment for their children. To access the 2009 Resource Guide and related materials in English and Spanish go to <http://www.childwelfare.gov/preventing/preventionmonth/>

TAX TIME IS HERE ...

Tax time is here. This is just a brief reminder that 1099s do not come directly from Central Office. Rather, they come from the Kentucky Department

of Revenue. If you have questions or concerns regarding your 1099, please contact Revenue directly at 502-564-7750.



Online modules available on TRAIN:

First Steps KEDS Module—Course ID 1011230

First Steps MRSA/Staph Prevention Module—Course ID 1010495

First Steps NONCREDIT Informational Module—Course ID 1009491

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